

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE  
OF A CONSERVATION EASEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Barrington Hills (the "Village") located in the Counties of Cook, Kane, Lake and McHenry in the State of Illinois, is a home rule municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, Stuart D. Bilton and Bette E. Bilton, husband and wife as the owners in fee simple of certain real property (the "Grantors") has approached the Village and Barrington Area Conservation Trust (the "BACT") to accept the donation of a conservation easement for property adjacent to the Sutton Road right-of-way in the form of Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof (the "Conservation Easement"); and

**WHEREAS**, the President and Board of Trustees of the Village desire to accept the Conservation Easement as aforesaid.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Barrington Hills, located in the Counties of Cook, Kane, Lake and McHenry in the State of Illinois, a home rule municipality as follows:

**Section 1:**     **Recitals.** The foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated into this Resolution as findings of the President and Board of Trustees.

**Section 2:**     **Acceptance.** Upon receipt by the Village of a copy or copies of the Conservation Easement signed by all of the other parties thereto, the President and Village Clerk of the Village are hereby authorized and directed to accept the Conservation Easement substantially in the form of Exhibit A attached hereto and to do all things necessary and essential, including the execution of the Conservation Easement and recording thereof in the office of the County Recorder to accomplish the aforesaid.

**Section 3:**     **Validity.** Should any part of this Resolution be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this Resolution as a whole or any part thereof other than the part declared to be invalid.

**Section 4:**     **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its approval and publication according to law.

**APPROVED THIS** \_\_\_\_\_ **day of** \_\_\_\_\_, 2011

**AYES:** \_\_\_\_\_ **NAYS:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ABSENT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Village Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Village President

This Instrument prepared by  
(and after recording return to):  
George M. Covington  
Law Offices of George M. Covington LLC  
500 North Western Avenue  
Lake Forest, IL 60045

**DECLARATION AND GRANT OF SCENIC EASEMENT  
AND CONSERVATION RIGHT**

THIS DECLARATION OF AND GRANT OF SCENIC EASEMENT  
AND CONSERVATION RIGHT ("Scenic Easement") is made as of this \_\_\_ day of June,  
2011, by STUART D. BILTON and BETTE E. BILTON ("Grantors"), husband and wife,  
in favor of VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON HILLS ("Village"), a body politic and  
corporate organized under the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/1-1-1 *et seq.*) and a  
home rule unit of government under Article VII, Section 6 of the Constitution of the State  
of Illinois, whose address is 112 Algonquin Road, Barrington Hills, Illinois 60010, and  
BARRINGTON AREA CONSERVATION TRUST ("BACT"), an Illinois not for profit  
corporation, whose address is 17 Oakdene Road East, Barrington Hills, Illinois 60010;

**W I T N E S S E T H:**

WHEREAS, the Grantors are the owners in fee simple of certain real property  
commonly known as 72 Brinker Road Road, Barrington Hills, Illinois 60010, and legally  
described on the attached Exhibit A-1 ("Grantors' Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Village is an Illinois municipal corporation and home rule unit as  
described in the Constitution of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, BACT is an Illinois not for profit corporation whose primary  
purposes include the conservation of land, natural areas, open space or water areas, or the  
preservation of native plants or animals;

WHEREAS, the Grantors, Village, and BACT desire to locate a scenic corridor  
conservation area in, upon, under, along, and across a portion of Grantors' Property  
legally described on the attached Exhibit A-2 and depicted on the attached Exhibit B

(hereinafter referred to as "Protected Property") and desire and intend that the natural elements and the ecological and aesthetic values of the Protected Property be preserved in their current natural, scenic, open or wooded condition, in order to provide scenic enjoyment for the general public traveling along Brinker Road, in Barrington Hills, Illinois, and

WHEREAS, the Grantors desire to: (i) create and establish certain conservation rights, benefits, privileges and impose certain obligations, duties, easements, covenants and conditions upon the Protected Property; and as well as certain privileges; and (ii) impose certain future obligations and duties, which will bind all present and future owners of the Protected Property to the terms, conditions and provisions of this Scenic Easement in the manner hereinafter set forth; and

WHEREAS, the Village and BACT desire generally to promote the conservation of land, natural areas, and open space, and specifically to preserve open space along Brinker Road, and are willing to accept this Scenic Easement subject to the reservations and the covenants, terms, conditions and restrictions set out herein and imposed hereby; and

WHEREAS, the Grantors, Village and BACT, by the conveyance of this Scenic Easement on, over and across the Protected Property, desire to preserve and conserve the natural, scenic and open space values thereof and prevent the use or development of the Protected Property for any purpose or in any manner inconsistent with the terms of this Scenic Easement; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Real Property Conservation Rights Act (765 ILCS 120/1 *et seq.*) (the "Conservation Rights Act") authorize the creation of conservation rights to protect land or water areas predominantly in their natural, open, or wooded condition;

NOW THEREFORE, the Grantors, for and in consideration of the foregoing recitations which are included and made a part of this easement by this reference and of the mutual covenants, terms, conditions and restrictions subsequently contained, and as an absolute and unconditional gift do hereby grant and convey unto the Village and BACT, jointly, to have and to hold forever, subject to any and all existing easements (prescriptive and other), rights, and interests in and to the Protected Property, an



exclusive easement (except as otherwise permitted in this document) and conservation right under the Conservation Rights Act in perpetuity on, over and across the Protected Property.

1. **Rights of Village and BACT.** The rights of the Village and BACT hereunder shall consist solely of the following:

(a). To hold this Scenic Easement upon the Protected Property for the benefit of the general public so that the general public may view but not enter upon the Protected Property in its natural, scenic, and open condition; and

(b). To enforce by proceedings at law or in equity the terms of this easement and the covenants set forth herein, including the right to require the maintenance of the Protected Property and restoration of the Protected Property to its condition as of the date hereof (subject to the rights of the Grantors with respect to the use and construction of the Protected Property of public utilities located below the surface and of driveways and walkways traversing the Scenic Easement from the remainder of the Grantors' Property in a manner generally perpendicular to the public right of way adjacent to the Scenic Easement), it being agreed that there shall be no waiver or forfeiture of the right of the Village and BACT to ensure compliance with the covenants and conditions of this Scenic Easement by reason of any failure to act on the part of the Village or BACT; and

(c) To cause their agents to enter the Protected Property at all reasonable times upon reasonable prior notice (except in case of emergency when no prior notice shall be required) for the purpose of inspecting the Protected Property to determine whether the Grantors are complying with the covenants and conditions of this Scenic Easement.

(d) The Village and BACT shall each be entitled to enforce the terms of this Scenic Easement, with or without the participation or consent of the other holder hereof. Except as may be expressly provided herein, any matter requiring the consent or approval of Village and BACT shall require the consent or approval of both the Village and BACT.



2. **Covenants of Grantor.** In furtherance of and without limitation of the foregoing affirmative rights of the Village and BACT, the Grantors make the following covenants which shall run with the land and bind the Grantors and all future owners of the Protected Property.

(a). Without the prior consent of Village and BACT, the Grantors shall not undertake or permit the undertaking of any of the following upon the Protected Property:

- i. Construction or placement of buildings, camping accommodations or mobile homes, roads, sidewalks, trails, signs, billboards and/or other advertising material, and/or other structures;
- ii. Excavation, dredging, mining or drilling or changing the topography of the area constituting the Protected Property or its current natural condition in any manner (except as necessary for the installation of public utilities below the surface of the Protected Property);
- iii. Dumping landfill, ashes, garbage, or other unsightly or offensive material;
- iv. Removal or destruction of trees, shrubs or other vegetation except for those removed in connection with farming operations, trees under three inches (3") in diameter (DBH), and invasive non-native vegetation; and/or

(b). Grantors shall pay or cause to be paid any and all real estate taxes and assessments levied by competent authorities on the Protected Property and shall maintain (or cause to be maintained) the Protected Property in a clean, sightly and safe condition and repair, thereby relieving the Village and BACT from any responsibility for maintaining the Protected Property. All maintenance and repair shall be made so as to interfere as little as practicable with the rights granted to the Village and BACT pursuant to this Scenic Easement.

(c). The Grantors shall not plant or permit the planting of non-native vegetation and plant species upon the Protected Property without the consent of BACT.

(d) Nothing contained in this Scenic Easement shall be construed or interpreted to impose any liability or responsibility on Grantors for the maintenance of any portion of the Protected Property containing or used for a public roadway or any portion of a public roadway, nor shall any provision hereof be construed or interpreted to impose any liability or responsibility on Grantors for the benefit of persons using or traveling upon the Protected Property, all such liability and responsibility being expressly disclaimed.

(e) If the prior consent of the Village and BACT is required for the taking of any action pursuant to Section 2 of this Scenic Easement, Grantors shall notify the Village and BACT of such proposed activity, whereupon the Village and BACT shall determine if such proposed activity complies with the terms of this Scenic Easement and if it does they shall each give their written consent thereto.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Village and BACT shall not be liable for any failure to grant such permission or consent to Grantors. The Village and BACT shall have thirty (30) days to respond in writing, after having received all documentation requested by them, if any, relating to the proposed activity. If they, or either of them fail to respond, Grantors may give them a subsequent written notice requesting approval and requesting a response to the first such request. If the Village or BACT fails to respond to such subsequent notice within fifteen (15) days after receipt thereof, they shall be conclusively deemed to have given their consent.

3. **Reserved Rights.** Except as expressly limited in this Scenic Easement the Grantors reserve all rights as owner of the Protected Property, and, notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, expressly reserves the right to use the Protected Property for:

- (a) Farming and grazing of horses and farm animals;
- (b) Construction, repair, maintenance and replacement of fences constructed in accordance with the Municipal Code of the Grantee;

(c) Installation, repair, maintenance and replacement of public utilities located below the surface of the Scenic Easement; and/or

(d) Construction, repair, maintenance and replacement of one or more driveways, no greater than thirty (30) feet in width, traversing the Scenic Easement from the remainder of the Grantor's Property in a manner generally perpendicular to the public right of way adjacent to the Scenic Easement – as well as driveway appurtenances consisting of a maximum of two (2) posts or pillars (one on each side of each driveway), with or without automatic or manual gates for each driveway, and a maximum of two entrance or driveway lights.

4. **Performance of Grantor's Obligation by Village or BACT.** In the event of a failure by the Grantors to comply with the terms of this Scenic Easement which results in a material interference with the rights granted to the Village and BACT by this Scenic Easement, the Village and/or BACT may notify the Grantors in writing of such failure. In the event the Grantors fail to remedy such default within thirty (30) days after receipt of such notice or, if such default cannot be cured within thirty (30) days, in the event the Grantors fail to commence the cure of such default within such thirty (30) day period and diligently pursue such cure to completion, the Village and/or BACT, at its option may perform the obligation which the Grantors have failed to properly perform hereunder and pay any and all costs and charges associated therewith. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Grantors shall not be deemed to be in default and non-performing hereunder if such failure to perform obligations occurs during and is due in whole or in part to any strike, lockout, labor trouble, civil disorder, inability to procure materials, failure of power, restrictive governmental laws and regulations, riots, insurrections, war, accidents, casualties, acts of God, or any other cause beyond the reasonable control of the Grantors.

5. **Equitable Relief.** The Grantors recognize that in the event of non-performance by the Grantors of any of the obligations in this Scenic Easement, damages will be difficult or impossible to ascertain and accordingly the Village and BACT shall have the right, in addition to each and every remedy or right which the Village and BACT may have at law or in equity, to an injunction or similar equitable relief enjoining or



restraining any breach or non-performance of, or compelling specific performance of, the provisions of this Scenic Easement.

6. **Grantors' Obligation to Reimburse.** If the Village or BACT is compelled or elects pursuant to this Scenic Easement to pay any sum of money or do any acts that require the payment of money under this Scenic Easement by reason of the Grantors' failure or inability to perform any of the provisions of this Scenic Easement to be performed by the Grantors, the Grantors shall promptly, upon demand, reimburse the Village or BACT for such sums, including any costs and reasonable attorneys fees incurred for the enforcement of the terms of this Scenic Easement against the Grantors. All such sums shall bear interest at the rate of one percent (1%) per annum in excess of the prime rate established by The Northern Trust Company of Chicago, Illinois, from the date of such expenditure until the date of such reimbursement (but in no event exceeding the applicable maximum rate per annum permitted by Illinois law) from the date of expenditure until the date of such reimbursement.

7. **Transfer of Property and Assignment of Easement.**

(a) Whenever a conveyance or other transfer of ownership of any part or all of the Protected Property occurs, the liability of the transferor for any breach of covenant occurring thereafter shall automatically terminate with respect to such transferor. Any transferee shall automatically assume and be bound by the burdens and obligations hereunder running with the land or portion thereof being transferred.

(b) The Village and BACT may assign their respective interests under this Scenic Easement but only to an organization that is a qualified holder of a conservation right under the Conservation Rights Act and, without the written approval of both the Grantors and BACT the Village may assign its interest only to another unit of government.

8. **Severability.** Invalidation of any covenant or any of the provisions contained in this Scenic Easement, or invalidation of the application thereof to any person by

judgment or court order shall in no way affect any of the other provisions hereof or the application thereof to any other person and the same shall remain in full force and effect.

9. **Successors and Assigns.** The covenants, terms, conditions and restrictions set forth in this grant shall be binding upon the Grantors and the Village and BACT and their respective agents, personal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns, and shall constitute servitudes running with the Protected Property in perpetuity.

10. **Notices.** All notices required hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed properly served if delivered in person (including by commercial overnight courier) or by certified mail, return receipt requested, with postage prepaid to the following addresses, or to such other addresses as either party may subsequently designate:

If to the Grantors:  
Stuart D. Bilton  
Bette E. Bilton  
72 Brinker Road  
Barrington Hills, IL 60010

If to the Village:  
Village of Barrington Hills  
112 Algonquin Road  
Barrington Hills, IL 60010

If to BACT:  
Barrington Area Conservation Trust  
17 Oakdene Road East  
Barrington Hills, IL 60010

For purposes of this Scenic Easement all notices, demands, deliveries or other communications required hereunder shall be deemed received on the date actually received, if delivered, and three days after mailing, if mailed.

11. **Nature of Conveyance.** This Scenic Easement is a public dedication, a public easement in gross, and a conservation right under the Conservation Rights Act, and shall be construed and governed in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Illinois, including but not limited to the Conservation Rights Act, and the Illinois Municipal Code. It shall also be deemed both a public trust and a charitable trust. Time is of the essence. However the failure of the Village or BACT to insist upon strict performance of any of the terms, covenants, or conditions hereof shall not be deemed a

waiver of any rights or remedies which the Village and BACT may have hereunder, at law or in equity and shall not be deemed a waiver of any subsequent non-performance or default in any such terms, covenants or conditions.

12. **Amendment and Modification.** This Scenic Easement may be amended or modified from time to time only by written instrument executed by Grantors, the Village and BACT and recorded with the office of the Recorder of Cook County, Illinois. Any party may, in its absolute discretion, withhold its consent to any amendment or modification requested by any other party. No such amendment or modification shall materially and adversely affect the conservation purpose of this Scenic Easement or facilitate extinguishment of this Scenic Easement or result in any instrument that would fail to qualify as a valid conservation right under the Conservation Rights Act. In no event shall the consent of any other party be required for such amendment or modification, even if such other party is entitled to enforce this Easement under the Conservation Rights Act or any other law.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Grantors, the Village, and BACT have executed this Scenic Easement the day and year first above written.

**Grantors:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Stuart D. Bilton

\_\_\_\_\_  
Bette E. Bilton

**Village:**

VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON HILLS

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

**BACT:**

BARRINGTON AREA CONSERVATION  
TRUST

By: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF ILLINOIS            )  
  ) SS.  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ )

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County, in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that STUART D. BILTON and BETTE E. BILTON, husband and wife, and personally known to me to be the same persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and severally acknowledged that they signed and delivered the said instrument on, for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

GIVEN under my hand and official seal this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

STATE OF ILLINOIS            )  
  ) SS.  
COUNTY OF COOK            )

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County, in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that \_\_\_\_\_, personally known to me the Village President of the Village of Barrington Hills, an Illinois municipal corporation, and \_\_\_\_\_, personally known to me to be the Village Clerk thereof, and both personally known to me to be the same persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument as such Village President and Village Clerk, appeared before me this day in person and severally acknowledged that as such Village President and Village Clerk they signed and delivered the said instrument on, as their free and voluntary act and as the free and voluntary act of said corporation for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

GIVEN under my hand and official seal this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
 )  
COUNTY OF COOK)

I, the undersigned, a notary public in and for said county, in the state aforesaid,  
DO HEREBY CERTIFY that \_\_\_\_\_,  
personally known to me to be the President of BARRINGTON AREA  
CONSERVATION TRUST, a not for profit corporation of the State of Illinois, and  
personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing  
instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that as such  
President she signed and delivered the said instrument on, for the uses and purposes  
therein set forth.

GIVEN under my hand and official seal this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
2011.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public



**EXHIBIT A-1**

**GRANTORS' PROPERTY**

LOT 20 IN THE RESUBDIVISION OF LOTS A AND 1 THROUGH 30 IN HILLS AND DALES AT BARRINGTON, ILLINOIS, BEING A SUBDIVISION IN SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 42 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED MARCH 21, 1929 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 10316028 IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

**EXHIBIT A-2**

**PROTECTED PROPERTY**

THE WEST 17.0 FEET OF LOT 20 IN THE RESUBDIVISION OF LOTS A AND 1 THROUGH 30 IN HILLS AND DALES AT BARRINGTON, ILLINOIS, BEING A SUBDIVISION IN SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 42 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED MARCH 21, 1929 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 10316028 IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.